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Sent: Wed 5/17/2017 7:36:13 PM
Subject: RE: ProPublica (DDL ASAP): Brian Gullett interview request

Thanks, Char.

Written responses to questions are probably better.

Brian

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Subject: FW: ProPublica (DDL ASAP): Brian Gullett interview request

Hi Brian,

EPA's Press Office has been working with Abrahm Lustgarten (the reporter who contacted you last month) to answer his questions on open burning. He has requested again to speak with you on some remaining questions surrounding air monitoring and your open burning research. He says:

"I've put a lot of work into being accurate and detailed about EPA's role in developing the science, permitting and toxicology around the practices of open burning hazardous waste in the United States. This last part – speaking with Mr. Gullett – is extremely important, as he is directly involved in the two significant efforts to measure emissions from open burns. I will be writing about those studies, and some substantial questions have arisen about how accurate those studies are and can be, and it will be helpful to be able to clarify and improve my understanding before including those questions in my story, and, of course, to be able to reflect his response to these concerns."

The press officer has asked him for some additional info/context on what he'd like to discuss. In the meantime, they've asked whether you would prefer to develop a statement/written answers to his questions, or do an interview over the phone?

Please let me know your preference as soon as you can. Thanks!

Char

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Hi Char and Joyce,

Please see below. The press office is working on an inquiry on open burning and the reporter would like to hear from Brian Gullett on open burning emissions. Is this something he'd want to talk about with the reporter or provide written responses?

Thanks,

Maggie

From: StClair, Christie
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Subject: ProPublica (DDL ASAP): Brian Gullett interview request

Hi ladies, hope you're having a good week.

I've been working with ProPublica reporter Abrahm Lustgarten for a while on a story he's doing on Open Burn/Open Detonation. Primarily his questions have been for ORCR and FFRO.

He's also got some questions about air monitoring. He'd like a brief interview with Brian Gullett to discuss the topic, and his work in this area.

He says:

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Can you give some thought to whether you'd like to develop a statement or prefer to have Mr. Gullett speak with him directly?

In the meantime, I've asked the reporter to give me a deeper understanding of what he'd like to discuss with Mr. Gullett.

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